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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/839,816, filed on April 20, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/335,302, filed on June 17, 1999, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,220,972, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/743,579 filed on November 4, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,833,553, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/240,259 filed May 10, 1994, now abandoned, which is in turn a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/054,406, field April 28, 1993, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,368,304.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application and entry of this amendment are respectfully requested. Claims 28 to 123 are currently pending, and no claims have been amended.

The Office Action mailed September 17, 2002 addressed claims 28 to 123. Claims 28 to 43, 45 to 53, 62 to 80, 90 to 111 and 113 to 115 were rejected, and claims 44, 54 to 61, 81 to 89, 112 and 116 to 123 were withdrawn from consideration.

The Examiner stated that the disclosure was objected to because the "related applications" section should be updated. The specification has been updated to include patent numbers for each application, where appropriate. Applicants respectfully submit that this overcomes the objection.

Claims 28 to 43, 45 to 53, 62 to 80, 90 to 111 and 113 to 115 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 to 24 of U.S. Patent No. 5,833,553 in view of Proudfit (US 5,314,187). The Examiner stated that the present invention and the '553 patent claim golf balls with a core and a two-layer cover, and the total cover has a thickness of at least 3.6 mm and a Shore D hardness of at least 60. The Examiner further stated that the cores are made from a polybutadiene and/or natural rubber, but the '553 patent does